the poor in the country, the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) was launched by the Government with effect from 25.12.2000 for one crore households living Below the Poverty Line (BPL). Its coverage has since been gradually expanded to 2.5 crore BPL households in 2005-06. The Yojana provides for 35 kgs. Foodgrains per family per month to the identified beneficiaries at a highly subsidized rate at Rs. 2/- per kg. for wheat and Rs.3/- per kg. for rice.

(c) The AAY was introduced in December 2000 for 1 crore households and expanded thrice in the year 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06. The State/UT wise number of targeted families under AAY in respect of normal, 1st, 2nd, 3rd expansions and the families identified and issued AAY ration cards by the States/UT are given in the enclosed statement I (*see* below)

(d) The State/UT-wise allocation and offtake of foodgrains under AAY since 2000-01 are given in the enclosed statement II (*see* below).

(e) and (f) An evaluation study of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) & AAY was carried out by ORG centre for Social Research. They submitted their report in March 2005 indicating that AAY Scheme has been fairly successful with 85% households lifting rice etc.

Procurement on MSP

†1082. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2081 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 2005 and state:

(a) the details of quantity of foodgrains purchased by the Food Corporation of India and Government agencies on the minimum support price fixed by Government alongwith paddy, rice and wheat from Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the comparative participation of the Food Corporation of India and Government agencies in each State during that period; and

(c) the details of the quantity and the value of the foodgrains which have been procured through de-centralised procurement system in Chhattisgarh and are being stocked every year for targeted public distribution system and other schemes during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement showing the quantity of foodgrains purchased by the Food Corporation of India and State agencies under Minimum Support Price operations during the last three procurement seasons is enclosed (*see* below).

(c) Quantity of paddy (in terms of rice) procured by State agencies under decentralized procurement system in Chhattisgarh and its estimated value during the last three procurement seasons is as under:

KMS	Qty. of Paddy in terms of rice under DCP scheme (In lakh tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crore)
2002-03	9.88	948
2003-04	18.19	1746
2004-05	19.47	2235

The procurement of wheat under DCP in the State during last three years has been negligible.

Statement

Procurement of Rice (including Paddy in terms of Rice) by FCI and State agencies

(in '000 tonnes)

STATE/U.T.	KMS 2002-2003			KMS 2003-2004			KMS 2004-2005		
	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total
Haryana	369	955	1324	678	656	1334	713	949	1662
Maharashtra	60	92	152	183	125	308	157	48	205
Punjab	2760	5180	7940	3148	5514	8662	3138	5968	9106
Tamil Nadu	-	107	107	-	207	207	-	652	652
Uttar Pradesh	-	1360	1360	-	2554	2554	849	2121	2970
Chhattisgarh	303	988	1291	555	1819	2374	890	1947	2837
Others	3804	445	4249	6409	980	7389	5884	1367	7251
TOTAL	7296	9127	16423	10973	11855	22828	11631	13052	24683

Neg. below 500 tonnes.

Procurement of Wheat by Fci And State Agencies

(in '000 tonnes)

STATE/U.T.	RMS 2003-2004			RMS 2004-2005			RMS 2005-2006		
	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total
Haryana	818	4304	5122	880	4235	5115	617	3912	4529
Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Punjab	2548	6390	8938	2147	7093	9240	1428	7582	9010
Tamil Nadu									
Uttar Pradesh	-	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	41	519	560
Chhattisgarh	-	Neg.	Neg.		Neg.	Neg.	-	-	-
Others	182	346	528	[illegible]	[illegible]	700	142	544	686
TOTAL	3548	12253	15801	3266	13529	16795	2228	12557	14785

Neg.- Below 500 tonnes.

Procurement in Chhattisgarh during RMS 2003-04 was 62 tonnes and during RMS 2004-05 was 19 tonnes.

Increasing cost of foodgrains

1083. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic cost of foodgrains to Food Corporation of India has been on the rise for the last several years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the impact of the same on the subsidy bill; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the economic cost of foodgrains to FCI and the results achieved therefrom during each of the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for increase in economic cost during last several years are increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy and wheat and consequential increase in procurement incidentals. Due to increase